

Peter Barbeito's Bio

I left the Redemptorists in 1970 after spending 10 years in Brockville, Keswick, Oconomowoc and Windsor. This does not include the 6 years I served as an altar boy at St Patrick's in Toronto. During that time, I had met or knew by name every Redemptorist in the Toronto Province. I often reflect on many experiences and the good times I shared which certainly shaped the rest of my life. I even occasionally dream that I am back with them.

I have been married for 17 years to my wonderful wife Bev and I have it on the highest authority that these are the best 17 years of my life. I have to agree. Being married is similar to leading the life of a religious, a life of poverty, charity and obedience (sometimes blind obedience). Only kidding; I do love Bev and tease her a lot. After 17 years of marriage, we still like each other a lot.

We don't have any children but are aunt and uncle to many. We have taken a small army to cheer on the Blue Jays. Each year we take a group ranging from 5 to 18 years of age to the CNE (Canadian National Exhibition) for the day. We head back home at 12:15 a.m., only because the power to the rides has been shut off.

One of our favourite pastimes is cruising (the ocean liner variety). We have been on 8 of them since 1989 and just returned from an Hawaiian cruise. You can read about our exciting adventures on cruiseopinion.com or cruisecritic.com. Feel free to contact us at pjb@rogers.com if you have any questions about cruising. Anyone want to sponsor us on our next cruise?

My other serious hobby is wine making which I have enjoyed since 1971. My appreciation of the art goes back to my days at Oconomowoc which had some grape wines on the property. The seminarians had a reputation of being very resourceful. One fall, true to form, someone harvested the grapes and made an enjoyable wine which we all shared that Christmas. I have since made many batches of many varieties of wine. In 1996 when my father passed away, we saluted his memory with my last bottle of a 25 year old port which was still very good.

To support our lifestyle, we have to work. For the last 11 years, I have been in Administrative Services for O.S.F.I. (Office of the Superintendent of Financial Services), the federal government's financial services regulatory agency. Prior to this, I was employed in similar administrative positions with the Liquor Licence Board of Ontario, Transamerica Life Insurance and Zurich Life Insurance. Bev, who I met while at Transamerica, is an administrative assistant to a VP at Centennial College in Scarborough. We are still several years away from retirement and work is sometimes seen as a four letter word.